

## **Meeting of the Brookings County Extension Advisory Board**

June 23, 2016 12:00 p.m.

Brookings County Resource Center

**Members Present:** Rich Waldner, Jennifer Pickard, Stephne Miller, Al Gregg, Deb Ford, Ron Parmely, Sonia Mack, Andy Dupraz.

**Members Not Present:** None.

**Guests Present:** Ryan Krogman, Larry Jensen

Meeting called to order by Chairman Dupraz.

### **Secretary's Report**

Minutes from May 2, 2016 meeting were not read or approved. Will review at next meeting.

### **Commissioner Update:**

Krogman reported that Randy Hanson approached Commissioners about purchasing the Outdoor Adventure Center (OAC) building. Krogman said that Hanson's offer is "pretty good." The City is interested in purchasing the County Resource Center. Discussion by Commissioners was in contract negotiation in Executive Session, but the Commissioners present today wanted to make Brookings County Extension Advisory Board (BCEAB) members aware of the discussion. Hanson will be present to make a proposal at the July 12th Commission meeting.

Miller added that the County would own the building and the County would own the land under the building. The County currently does not own the land under the Resource Center. The building site sits on 3.77 acres, not large enough to build a livestock arena. The plan would be to keep Achievement Days, calf show, etc. at the Swiftel Center. The main goal of the proposal is to have a permanent home for 4-H. Krogman said the cost to purchase the building was very reasonable.

Krogman said the deal between the City, County, and the OAC needed to happen before the end of the year. OAC board has a proposal for managing the facility, possibly with a "joint-powers" board. Jensen said the joint-powers board governing the facility would have representatives from each entity, Commission, BCEAB, 4-H, and the management company, for example. Krogman said the facility was too big for just 4-H to be in there but 4-H would have scheduling priority. 4-H would have to work around previously scheduled events but would take priority for unscheduled time. 4-H Shooting Sports will not have to purchase memberships to be able to shoot but outside groups could rent the facility as would the management company. Any future 4-H budgets would not include revenue generated at the facility. Commissioners don't expect 4-H to manage the whole facility, as it needs to be used on a daily basis. Miller said that a rough analysis done on maintenance and costs were similar to what the County is currently paying now for the Resource Center.

Krogman said Brookings County would have one of the nicest 4-H facilities in the state should agreement be reached. Different clubs could expand off of 4-H because of the proximity to the Dakota Nature Park. 4-H would not be able to accommodate any livestock other than dogs. Naming rights will need to be discussed with OAC representatives as well as parking and drainage with the City. Mack

asked about office space to house three 4-H personnel as well as any management personnel. Waldner asked if the EAB could get an up-to-date copy of the floor plan. Krogman said it should be possible and said he will schedule a tour time for the entire BCEAB to visit the OAC facility.

Concern was expressed by BCEAB members about the challenge of having Achievement Days in one location and the Extension office in another. BCEAB requested that the Commissioners explore the opportunity to obtain more land in negotiations that would potentially allow space for a livestock arena. BCEAB also expressed concern about the speed at which the proposal, contracts, and negotiations needed to occur in order to close the deal by the end of the current year.

The purchase of the OAC will not affect Extension's Commission-approved 2017 budget.

Discussed current 4-H Shooting Sports situation and volunteers. Mack reported on the Shooting Sports meeting held this past Monday night. The Instructors met to discuss formation of a leadership team and held breakout sessions for guns and archery.

**Budget:**

Financials approved by Gregg second by Waldner.

**Next Meeting:** TBD

**Motion to Adjourn:** Gregg.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jennifer L. Pickard